

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and indicating claims 1-24 and 27-32 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Status

Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 1, 11, 13, 23, 25, 26, and 27 are independent; the remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, therefrom.

Office Action Summary

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-24, and 27-32 were allowed. Claims 8 and 10 were indicated as allowable, but objected to for using “claims” (plural) when depending from only claim 1. Claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 02/032985 (Agarwal).

Claim Objections

Claims 8 and 10 were objected to for using “claims” (plural) when depending from only claim 1. Claims 8 and 10 have been amended to properly recite “claim” (singular). Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 8 and 10 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections


Claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 02/032985 (Agarwal). Claims 25 and 26 are cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17488/055002).

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Respectfully submitted,

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